

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



**Rick Scott**  
Governor

**John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS**  
State Surgeon General & Secretary

**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 28, 2013

Contact: Dain Weister  
407-858-1418

**IMPORTANT CHANGES WITH SUMMER BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS**

**ORLANDO** – The Florida Department of Health in Orange and Seminole Counties want parents to know there are important changes with immunizations this summer and to start scheduling vaccination updates for children now for the upcoming school year. Only families without any type of insurance should go to local county health departments for vaccines. Children with private insurance, assigned to a medical home or HMO provider, will need to go to their doctor for immunizations as the health department is a safety net for those in need who do not have health care coverage or are underinsured. Families, who do not have a medical home, can refer to the link below for a list of children's medical providers.

"You can protect your children from vaccine preventable diseases all year round. Parents can see every encounter such as annual physicals, interim check-ups or sports physicals as an opportunity to provide their children with any missing vaccines.", said Dr. Kevin M. Sherin, Director of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County.

"Avoid the lines and go directly to your primary care provider. The health department will be verifying through electronic systems the need for service and referring people back to their provider if they have one," said Dr. Swannie Jett, Health Officer for the Department of Health in Seminole County.

The Florida Department of Health in Orange County provides back-to-school immunizations Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 2:00pm at its Central Office located at 832 West Central Boulevard. In Seminole County, immunizations are provided at the health department's Sanford location at 400 West Airport Boulevard, Sanford, Florida, 32773. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Thursday 8:00am to 11:30am.

Due to the high demand for immunizations, services are provided on a first come, first served, walk-in basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult family member or legal guardian to receive immunizations. If not, a notarized permission form, signed by the parent or legal guardian, must be presented before services are rendered. A copy of each child's immunization record and government-issued, valid photo identification of the adult relative or legal guardian are required.

A certified DH 680 immunization form is required for school entry and is provided free once vaccinations are received. If a client only needs a DH 680 form, there is an administrative fee. You can also obtain this form at your child's doctor's office and the health departments' immunization clinics or medical records departments if your child is already up-to-date on their immunizations.

For more information on childhood immunizations, visit our websites at [www.orchd.com](http://www.orchd.com) and [www.seminolecohealth.com/](http://www.seminolecohealth.com/) For the Resource List of Children's Medical Providers visit <http://orchd.com/personalHealth/immunizations/childhood/documents/listofproviders1.pdf>

###